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## **KC WOMAN INDICTED FOR DEFRAUDING ST. JOSEPH COMPANY, MONEY LAUNDERING CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for defrauding a St. Joseph, Mo., business and a money laundering conspiracy.

**Marlyn Wilkes**, 45, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a six-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

According to the indictment, **Wilkes** was employed by DataCore, a database marketing company in Kansas City, from 1997 until March 21, 2001. Datacore manages and administers rebate programs for its clients by receiving rebate information from consumers, entering product purchase data into the DataCore computer system, and providing rebate checks back to the consumers. **Wilkes** served as the program manager for Boehringer Ingelheim, a St. Joseph business that was a DataCore client in 2000 and 2001.

Counts One through Five of the federal indictment allege that **Wilkes** devised a scheme to defraud Boehringer by either filling out rebate applications in the names of fictitious customers, which would then be entered into the DataCore computer system, or entering such false information directly into the DataCore computer system herself. By doing so, the indictment alleges, **Wilkes** caused pre-print check reports and related approval documents to be transmitted between the companies by fax. According to the indictment, those false rebate checks totaled more than \$72,606.

After the approval process had been completed and DataCore printed the checks, **Wilkes** would allegedly remove the checks associated with false customer applications she had created and cause them to be cashed.

Count Six of the federal indictment alleges that **Wilkes** provided those false rebate

checks to a friend (not charged in the indictment) who, from Aug. 31, 2000, to Feb. 7, 2001, conducted numerous financial transactions using various bank accounts in Missouri and Kansas to transfer the funds in order to conceal and disguise the source and ownership of the proceeds of the wire fraud scheme.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Curt Bohling. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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